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Cities and Towns in Silver Bow County

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Silver Bow County

Located in southwestern Montana, Silver Bow County is Montana's seventh most populous with 33,941 residents, according to the 1990 Census. The county of Silver Bow and the city of Butte are consolidated under an elected executive form of government.

Butte, the county seat, is the state's fourth largest city with a population of 33,336. Nicknamed the "Mining City," Butte is rich in mining resources. Residents have endured harsh economic times and earned the nickname the "Can Do City" by building a stronger local economy and soliciting new businesses to the area. The city is also a major transportation, manufacturing and utility center.

According to the *Montana Almanac*, by authors Andrea Merrill and Judy Jacobson, the county was established in 1881 and may have been named after Silver Bow Creek, where according to legend, "three prospectors saw a shaft of sun shining on the creek."

According to the U.S. Bureau of the Census, median income for Silver Bow County households in 1989 was \$21,216. The county is 719 square miles in area; 718.3 square miles in land area and less than 0.665 in inland water area.

County residents experience the four distinct seasons. According to the *Montana Almanac*, the average daily low in January between 1980 and 1989 was 4.2 degrees above zero. The average daily high in July was 80.1 and average January snowfall 8.1 inches. The annual precipitation in 1995 was 19.26 inches and the length of the growing season 50 days.

Silver Bow County Population

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census

Area	7/1/97 Estimate	7/1/96 Estimate	4/1/90 Census	% Change '90 to '97	% Change '90 to '96
Montana	878,810	876,684	799,065	10.0%	9.7%
Silver Bow County	34,441	34,529	33,941	1.5%	1.7%
Butte-Silver Bow (government area)	Not Available	34,051	33,336	Not Available	2.1%
Walkerville	Not Available	583	605	Not Available	-3.6%

**1997 New Businesses by Industry
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65	Real Estate	1
72	Personal Services	1
75	Auto-Repair Services	1
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	TOTAL	75

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Annual Average Labor Force For Silver Bow County

Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
1970	15,516	14,904	612	3.9%
1971	16,019	15,018	1,001	6.2%
1972	16,327	15,577	750	4.6%
1973	16,975	16,234	741	4.4%
1974	18,001	17,059	942	5.2%
1975	17,641	16,207	1,434	8.1%
1976	17,691	16,047	1,644	9.3%
1977	17,430	15,845	1,585	9.1%
1978	18,905	17,310	1,595	8.4%
1979	18,374	17,252	1,122	6.1%
1980	18,209	16,961	1,248	6.9%
1981	18,408	16,876	1,532	8.3%
1982	17,916	15,898	2,018	11.3%
1983	16,502	14,286	2,216	13.4%
1984	14,122	12,463	1,659	11.7%
1985	14,103	12,732	1,371	9.7%
1986	14,114	12,671	1,443	10.2%
1987	14,118	12,762	1,356	9.6%
1988	13,579	12,399	1,180	8.7%
1989	13,380	12,375	1,005	7.5%
1990	16,018	14,910	1,108	6.9%
1991	16,047	14,732	1,315	8.2%
1992	16,632	15,292	1,340	8.1%
1993	16,825	15,670	1,155	6.9%
1994	17,241	16,340	901	5.2%
1995	16,740	15,769	971	5.8%
1996	16,991	16,006	985	5.8%
1997	17,447	16,574	873	5.0%

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Office of Research & Analysis (1998 Benchmark).

Summary of Major Occupational Categories By Sex 1990 Census-Equal Employment Opportunity Data Civilian Labor Force-All Persons

Occupation	Total	Male	Female
TOTAL	15,437	8,541	6,896
<i>Managerial and Professional Specialty Occupations</i>			
Executive, Administrative and Managerial Occupations	3,683	2,063	1,620
Professional Specialty Occupations	1,455	821	634
<i>Technical, Sales and Administrative Support Occupations</i>			
Technicians and Related Support Occupations	2,228	1,242	986
Sales Occupations	4,755	1,750	3,005
Administrative Support Occupations, Including Clerical	2,002	1,079	923
<i>Service Occupations</i>			
Private Household Occupations	2,173	455	1,718
Protective Service Occupations	2,935	1,122	1,813
Service Occupations, Except Protective and Household	2,576	846	1,730
<i>Farming, Forestry, Fishing</i>			
Precision Production, Craft and Repair Occupations	296	247	49
Mechanics and Repairers	1,795	1,693	102
Construction Trade	550	533	17
Extractive Occupations	640	634	6
Precision Production Occupations	198	198	0
<i>Operators, Fabricators and Laborers</i>			
Machine Operators, Assemblers and Inspectors	407	328	79
Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	1,768	1,557	211
Handlers, Equipment Cleaners, Helpers and Laborers	523	414	109
<i>Unemployed, No Recent Civilian Work Experience</i>			
Divide Elementary	652	594	58
Ramsay Elementary	593	549	44
500 copies of this flyer were printed at an estimated cost of \$50.30.	205	109	96

Census and Economic Information Center, Montana Department of Commerce, Helena, MT 59620, 406-444-2896.

Resources

⇒ Chamber of Commerce:

Butte-Silver Bow Chamber, 1000 George, Butte, MT 59701, 406-723-3177

⇒ Department of Labor and Industry

Butte Job Service

2201 White Blvd., Butte, MT 59702, 406-494-0300

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⇒ Internet:

Montana Job Service home page for job listings at <http://jsd.dli.mt.gov/>
Cities of Butte and Melrose Home Pages—Use the Search Utilities on the Internet to find home pages for Montana cities.

⇒ Montana Motor Vehicle Division:

Drivers' Licensing

Butte—3615 Wynne St., 406-494-1949

⇒ Newspapers:

Montana Standard, P.O. Box 627, Butte, MT 59703, 406-496-5500

⇒ Public Libraries:

Butte-Silver Bow Public Library, 226 W. Broadway, Butte, MT 59701-9297,
406-723-3361

⇒ Postsecondary Education Institutions:

Montana University System

Montana Tech of the University of Montana, Butte, MT 59701, 800-445-TECH
Montana Tech of the University of Montana College of Technology, 25 Basin Creek Road, Butte, MT 59701, 406-496-3701

⇒ Superintendent of Schools, Kindergarten through 12th Grade:

Butte Public Schools, 111 N. Montana, Butte, MT 59701, 406-496-2000
Divide Elementary, P.O. Box 9, Divide, MT 59727, 406-267-3313
Melrose Elementary, P.O. Box 128, Melrose, MT 59743, 406-835-3801
Ramsay Elementary, P.O. Box 105, Ramsay, MT 59748, 406-723-8905

Silver Bow County Employment By Industry*

Annual Averages 1997

Industry	# of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Paid	Industry	# of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Paid
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	1,249	14,688	\$366,264,550	Furniture Stores	29	165	\$2,902,91
PRIVATE BUSINESS	1,208	12,433	\$309,981,959	Eating & Drinking	118	1,517	\$12,659,93
AGRI, FORESTRY, FISH	16	70	\$916,050	Miscellaneous Retail	65	309	\$4,357,63
Agriculture Services	13	52	\$581,021	FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE	65	473	\$14,817,15
MINING	9	518	\$22,841,791	Banking	17	195	\$4,980,06
Metal Mining	5	459	\$20,447,734	Credit Agencies	4	13	\$430,70
Mining & Quarry Nonmetal	3	16	\$472,932	Security & Commodity	4	32	\$2,058,73
CONSTRUCTION	117	843	\$43,893,987	Insurance Carriers	6	15	\$479,32
General Building	37	624	\$33,994,499	Insurance Agents	14	34	\$548,31
Heavy Construction	9	83	\$3,435,981	Real Estate	33	109	\$2,189,02
Special Trade	71	254	\$6,403,507	Holding & Investments	3	73	\$3,929,00
MANUFACTURING	36	655	\$15,482,615	SERVICES	488	4,409	\$86,916,81
Food Products	7	129	\$2,930,432	Hotels & Lodging	18	344	\$3,500,77
Lumber	3	4	\$89,074	Personal Services	28	104	\$1,269,92
Printing-Publishing	7	138	\$2,795,044	Business Services	55	460	\$5,366,71
Nonelectrical Machinery**	3	17	\$481,879	Auto Repair Services	39	202	\$3,169,41
TRANS., COMMUN., UTILITIES	51	1,314	\$54,961,503	Miscellaneous Repair Services	14	33	\$536,31
Local Transportation	3	34	\$455,388	Motion Pictures	9	61	\$425,01
Trucking-Warehousing	17	151	\$4,467,186	Amusement & Recreation	30	204	\$3,051,11
Air Transportation	5	69	\$1,081,738	Health Services	106	1,478	\$37,964,81
Transport Services	8	33	\$745,945	Legal Services	27	99	\$4,340,00
Communication	11	152	\$4,458,670	Educational Services	9	91	\$869,30
Elec., Gas, Sanitation	5	861	\$42,852,665	Social Services	63	470	\$6,515,9
WHOLESALE TRADE	77	544	\$11,827,621	Museums, Zoos, Etc.	3	16	\$123,4
Durables Goods	45	265	\$6,164,706	Membership Organizations	25	135	\$1,798,4
Nondurable Goods	32	279	\$5,862,815	Engineering Services	66	599	\$19,862,9
RETAIL TRADE	314	3,601	\$47,559,992	Private Households	11	26	\$248,1
Bldg Materials-Garden	16	135	\$2,938,425	GOVERNMENT	43	2,265	\$65,302,9
General Merchandise	6	461	\$5,882,730	State	12	856	\$19,802,0
Food Stores	21	386	\$6,349,925	Local	10	1,279	\$32,565,3
Auto Dealers-Service Stations	40	559	\$11,808,221	Federal	21	317	\$12,531,1
Apparel & Accessories	18	64	\$861,682				

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Office of Research & Analysis (Totals may not add due to rounding.)

*Employment Covered by Unemployment Insurance

**Industrial & Commercial Machinery & Computer Equipment

Per Capita Personal Income

	1970	1980	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Montana % of National Average	\$3,558	\$8,842	\$15,067	\$16,005	\$16,618	\$17,709	\$17,709	\$18,602	\$19,278
87%	88%	79%	81%	81%	83%	80%	80%	79%	
Silver Bow County % of National Average	\$3,402	\$9,054	\$15,267	\$15,984	\$16,712	\$17,189	\$17,761	\$19,136	\$19,548
83%	90%	80%	81%	81%	80%	80%	80%	82%	80%

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Economic Information System. Released May 1998.

PLEASE NOTE: Because of time and budget constraints, we are only able to update our county flyers periodically. Individual tables are updated on a more frequent basis. You can call us if you'd like the most current information for a particular county. The Annual Averages for County Employment by Industry are updated annually, usually in June. The Top Employers are updated annually. Per Capita Income statewide is usually released late spring and county data around August each year. Population data for Montana is usually released in March and county data may be released at a different time. The Annual Average Labor Force information is benchmarked annually and numbers available before March. The other tables contain Census information and will be updated every 10 years. You can also look for more current information on our website listed on the front of this publication.

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Silver Bow County
1990 Census of Population and Housing
Persons by Age, Race and Sex

School Age	White		Black		American Indian		Islander		Hispanic Origin		Eskimo/Aleut/ Asian or Pacific	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
5-11	3,195	1,587	3	1	80	38	19	9	128	61	22	14
12-14	1,381	651	2	0	28	14	4	1	58	24	24	9
15-17	1,348	638	1	1	33	18	6	4	41	21	14	6
18-21	1,828	870	1	1	32	14	8	3	57	28	14	5
Total	7,732	3,726	7	3	171	84	37	17	282	134	74	34

Working & Voting Age	White		Black		American Indian		Islander		Hispanic Origin		Eskimo/Aleut/ Asian or Pacific	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
16+	25,803	13,340	28	14	350	178	99	58	520	255	148	54
16-64	20,081	9,909	22	11	325	184	90	54	478	239	138	54
18+	24,911	12,922	25	13	328	184	95	55	497	244	144	52
18-64	19,169	9,491	21	10	303	150	88	51	453	228	134	52
Total	39,028	18,840	33	16	620	283	138	78	810	391	224	93

Other Age Group	White		Black		American Indian		Islander		Hispanic Origin		Eskimo/Aleut/ Asian or Pacific	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
0-4	2,211	1,082	2	1	53	29	14	7	88	41	20	12
5-17	5,904	2,858	8	2	139	70	29	14	225	108	80	29
18-44	12,494	6,118	18	9	239	115	64	34	347	180	110	42
45-64	8,875	3,375	3	1	84	35	22	17	108	48	24	10
65+	8,720	3,938	4	3	38	21	13	7	81	24	17	3
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Silver Bow County			
County of Residence	# Who Work In Silver Bow County	County of Work	# Who Live In Silver Bow County
Out of State	40	Out of State	127
Beaverhead County	40	Beaverhead County	32
Cascade County	30	Deer Lodge County	275
Deer Lodge County	370	Gallatin County	30
Gallatin County	32	Jefferson County	204
Jefferson County	262	Lewis & Clark County	34
Lake County	27	Powell County	101
Lewis & Clark County	38	Rosebud County	28
Madison County	78	Silver Bow County	12,856
Missoula County	32	Other Montana Counties	39
Powell County	33		
Silver Bow County	12,856		
Other Montana Counties	42		

Source: 1990 Census Data provided by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.